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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 2554

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALL CALM AFTER SECURITY LEAKS ON LUSAKA TALKS

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1. AS WE SUSPECTED, BIG FLAP OVER SECURITY LEAK ON RHODESIA TALKS HAS DIED DOWN FOLLOWING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE APOLOGIES IN WAKE OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S EMOTIONAL OUTBURST DEC 9.

2. FONMIN MWAANGA PRIVATELY EXPLAINED TO ME THAT PRESENTENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA HAD INDEED GIVEN OFF-THE-RECORD BRIEFING TO EDITORS OF TWO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ON CHONA'S TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS AND RHODESIANS AND MWAANGA'S MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. ALSO RECALLED THAT WITH ANNOUNCEMENT AT STATE HOUSE BY RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS OF UNITY AGREEMENT UNDER ANC, PRESIDENT KAUNDA TOOK FLOOR AND JOKINGLY SAID TO PRESS, "YOU CAN CONFIDENTIAL

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MISBEHAVE NOW." MWAANGA EXPLAINED THAT PUNABANTU

HAD TAKEN THIS TO MEAN ALL WRAPS WERE OFF PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS.

3. AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE OF RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS TIMES EDITOR PUNABANTU APPEARED VERY HUMBLER AT CHASTENING EXPERIENCE OF PRESIDENT'S WRATH AND CRITICISM. SAID EVENTS SOMETIMES MOVED FASTER THAN HE COULD WRITE. TIMES PUBLIC APOLOGY AND PUNABANTU'S OWN PRIVATE ONE TO PRESIDENT APPEAR TO HAVE SET MATTERS ARIGHT IN ZAMBIAN OFFICIALDOM WHICH NOW APPEARS MORE AT PEACE WITH ITSELF.

4. IN MEANTIME, KAUNDA SEEMS TO HAVE GAINED MUCH-NEEDED REST AFTER BEING AT NERVE CENTER OF LUSAKA TALKS ON RHODESIA.

5. AS NO SERIOUS HARM SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DONE BY PUNABANTU'S INDISCRETION, PRESIDENT'S EARLIER WARNING REPORTED REFTEL THAT "HEADS WOULD ROLL" MAY NOT NOW BE IMPLEMENTED. PRESIDENT'S REMARKABLE PATIENCE WITH HIS APPOINTEES OCCASIONALLY BREAKS BUT HE IS GENERALLY LENIENT TOWARD ERRING SUBORDINATES. YET WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBLE RESUMPTION HIS FREQUENT GAME OF POLITICAL MUSICAL CHAIRS SOMETIME AFTER THE FIRST OF YEAR.  
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